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to a house. There he was given food gradually until he and take a full thr Black Mountains. He was lost for nine days, but fine made his -John Johnson, whose home was at Marlins Bottom, hearthat arn He started on foot to Nicholas, but met his way meal. He made the trip to Nicholas, brought back the seedern witch planted one of the first crops grown in Pocahontas. matured in Nicholas.

and since the people preferred corn meal to hominy meal, - grist and the By the early part of the century corn could be ripenent the county, mills were built.

Some of the best known of these mills were: The two mas at Millpent, This was around 1830. The upper mill was built gloses Cadley built by the Cackleys. The lower mill being built by Valeine Eckley. who also promoted other industries such as a tannery, a tilhamer and in 1834 but was later sold to Sampson Matthews.

of the 18th century by James Posge. When he emigrated to stucky, he ald The Poage Mill on Knapps Creek. This mill was built the late met it to Peter Lightner. Lightner improved it and for years momented burrs used by this mill are on Cummings Creek, having been mere by millstones were made by Adam Sharatt near Friels on the Greatier River. Price McComb. They are believed to be among the oldest inte conty. wide circle of customers. The Henry Harper mill succeedenis mil. Sharratt also had a mill on Greenbrier River.

Dilley's mill, eight miles from Huntersville on Thorageek was beli Dilley one of the four Dilley brothers who were and Formhonts Coustys earliest pioneers. This mill was kept in the possesion of the Senry

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He was not only able to pay his own passage to America, indented sernot grind so much but their product was the sweetest and best obtaintimes these tub mills were put on runs that had only sufficient water It was patronized by all sections of upper Pocahontas for trunking to carry the water to the wheel. These mills did able. Michael Daugherty was one of the first of the nobility to anywhere in For such mills a long hollow log was being one of the best of its kind. Sunset. but to hire the services of those who sold themselves tub mill, propelled by water Run near Michael Daugherty mill on Mill vants for a certain peribd of time. and had the reputation of during the rainy season. first lieved to be the on Knapps Creek.

carried on under his supervision. Coverlets woven by one Jones Judge George McClintic, though of course its no longer in He was the eldest son of This mill Thomas McNeill who came to Swago around 1769 and appears to have been interprising person. Milling, weaving, fulling cloth and powder were still in use fifty years or more after they were woven. Swago Mill operated by Jonathan McNeill. by held

in every community of the county there were mills at one time or another. but wills have been placed on almost every stream of water large enough to David James one of the first James Wanless a local minister operated two grist mills. Henry Clark had a mill on Spring Creek, them. haven't been able to get any authentic information about season. There were many other grist mills. small wheel if only during the rainy live on Droop Mountain had a mill.

century ago by John Hannah of Elk, for the mill that was on the Varner county in such great quantity and of unusual hard-They were given to Mr. Price inches in diameter, and weigh over 100 lbs. each. Mr. Price believes Calvin Price has a pair of these mill stones made more than a stones for many of these mills were made from sand-They are about 30 they are made of this Droop sandstone found here in the county. by the late Samuel Varner when he sold his farm. place on the Big Spring Fork of Elk R. stone found in this The burrs or

early settler was a resourceful man and if he could not get the imported replaced with imported stones. French burrs appear to have been the de-However, as soon as it was possible, the home made millstones were sired ones in the more permanent mills that did custom grinding. The ones he made them from material at hand.

these mills were repaired and used by the moonshiners during the days of one can be found still standing, though not in use. (Some of outfit complete in one day except the "jigging thing". That appears to down which spouted the meal. These mills served well their day and an have been the bark or board attached to the bottom, stationary stone, About the Varner Mill, the story goes that John Hennah built the prohibition.) occasional

powder maker was a man by the name of Hannah. He had a peculiar and effective line of sales talk. He would remark that he made powder and had plenty Aside from these grist mills there were also powder mills located on it, and would sell it, but that many of the hunters did not like his Lanty McNeel's place between Hillsboro and Beard, was Powder Mill Run. many of the mill runs of the county. The original name of Mill Run on site of the power mill was just a bove where the county road crosses. himself. product, in fact he did not particularly care to use it

WAS course A quick powder of desired for the old type of mountain rifle. reply would be that it was too quick. the one most

powder plant on Swago Creek, near the residence of Squire Rogers. He boiled after it was dry. One day he had a big stirring of powder on a grinding the residence of Lee Overholt. The proper amounts of sulphur, nitrogen, mixed like the lady beats a cake. Thomas McNeill had a mill to do this stirring and beating by water power, and to grind the mass into powder his salt petre from the rich soil to be found in the limestone caves of charcoal and what not were compounded together and the paste had to be this region, particularly the cave on the McClintic lands not far from Thomas McHeill, the Swago pioneer, maintained donsiderable of a Something went wrong: somehow a spark generated, and the whole thing, mill and all, blew up. and went home to dinner.

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water from Greenbrier River from an intake just below the mouth of Stony Creek failed, and the plant itself was washed away in the flood of 1877. Price before the Civil War. It was located on the slough along the road was a man of the tenant class and who barely made a living for himself leading to Campbelltown, just opposite the home of A. C. Pifer. It was This mill was in charge of a man by the name of James E. A. Gibbs, who run from water from Stony Creek. An effort to augment this power by (Marlinton) was a combined saw mill and carding mill built by James The first business of any kind established at Marlins Bottom

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few families, such as John R. Flemmens on Red Lick Mountain made It was stirred until Much of it was brown sugar. hundreds, of pounds of maple sugar every year. became as light as end

Lewisburg and exchanged for kettles and household goods. Almost every family made enough sugar for their own use. After Mr. Flemmens death, Mrs. Flemmens and her daughter, Elizabeth, lived at Buckeye and earned a living by spinning and weaving.

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for the ninettenthe women of looms and many weavers as most of the first part spin and weave at an early age. eighteenth century and in County had meny the to During taught Pocahontas 37

Count ereightsome of the weavers brought to the attention of the writer the mostly tablecloths and daughter also a weaver and a Jo Loom in the middle Millpoint. Her fancy weaver making which are held by the Wallaces at the wife of wallace Rucknan was of Millpoint who wove on a century she being a Tancy Patton Ruckman Jo beth pine

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was bought from the late Mrs. Isaac McNeel of Millpoint in 1897 and she wove it was put into a suit of clothes for her husband. She also wove for other people namely bedspreads and counterpans and carpet just before her death. until 1918 en finished

house T Hogsett carding machine at the lower mill at Millthe loom, when he was about 30 years of age they moved to Millpoint and located mov ed Coverlets, him was car-William H Gabbert was born in Greenbrier County IS40 the son of Stewapoint, he later moved to Huntersville where he practiced his profession sell-WEAVE on counterpanes, table linen, girthen carpet, jeans and lincy some of which his he in with his daughter Mary Turner at Marvin Chapel above Millpoint where they had a loom his last loom was bought from Lura Waugh of he often went from house to friends and neighbous locally, in his declining years millrace in what was known as the loom house here he wove Gabbert he being a frale young man his mother taught him to to weave and did so up until his death in 1920. His work daughter Mary Turner is the proud owner some of the wool used by of many people of Pocahontas County as now in the hands of Mrs.Turner. the old Wellington -JUN ing his ware over the where creater continued pus ded on hende

Washington mention was Lydia Beverage wife of meaver of

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she move 1920 Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocehonts County coverlets, blankets, carpet, and linen towels, she wove until about Beverage made her a loom with which she wove for many people €8

early age as she wove all the bed clothing, their dresses and in fact wove all the cloth that went to make their clothing, she wove for other people Hannah Cloonan wife of Timothy Cadonan was born 1813 was the dau-Ireland, she was taught to weave at Notes a yard, lincy locts and flannel 15 ots a yard George Kee who came from of

the entdid the rest of Jonathan McNeill was a weaver and dyer he wove at what is dyes as Mcclintic farms today, he made his own WERVETS. 40

cop exception them and the one who young Georgie Laudermilk of near Buckeye who learned to weave when a cirl but has not wove for several years but she remembers most of Very few people living today are able to weave but one ied and move by them Virginia Fancy. by Mrs. Newton Duffield, they were called the following are some of fts as

Jane Adkison IS48.The Kin Jane Georgie Loudermilk. Diamonds. The Leaf & Square by Rancy Beenth ph A Moore. 1921.Albernarl Beauty.by Double Rose Blesing Ster. Royal Hising Sun by Jane McNeill, The Beauty by Mrs J -8 Colden theels four threls, The Per eraburg The 12 46. 28

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made ets) 1914). The Ginny Hen by Rancy Roskes. The Sow Knot. The Globe. The Seat Wo-W.Va.All of these patterns were wove by our pioneer weavers and today a drafts are cherished by Mrs A.W McNeill of Buckeye as her mother Lydia Beverage wove from these same drafts years ago as well as the ones that Jane MoNeill. The True Lovers Knot came to this county in ISS4 from Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. T. Va. Pocehontes County. the patterns and whose names are attached. merce &

the Swago Community. Nancy Syms, Angeline Gaylor and Catherine Under-Oundiff, Mildred Kee, Flizabeth Buckley, and Malissa Fleming Rogers, Flizabeth McNeill, Mary McNeill, Jane Kinnison, Catherine following were weavers Georgie Loudermilk, Jane Adkison, Katie Beaver Oreck, and many others Armstrong, Francis Henneh, Susan

found a ready sale and were sold throughout the county and other he stopped operating temporarily. Price Ressler of Greenbank who lost Greenbenk he wove carpet, rugs and Carey Davis of Marlinton who has very poor eyesight learned the chair state much of his wart is found in and near Earlinton but due to just above several years ago made brooms at his shop trade while at school this was about 19II minte. tytalght \$ 77 K STOOLS

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made looms, spinning wheels, spools, spool fr lathe MŽ installed TACALT S. L. K. C. L.

and chairs, his looms and spinning wheels found ready sale all over Commerce & Industry Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. N. Va. Focahontes pocahontas County and especially the Greenbank community.

that we today migessential articles for the entire family . Some of these articles are cherishhigh value but you can see the quality of the product made in the many homes ing and bedding as there was very few stores and money was very scarce thereit fell upon the shoulders of the mothers and daughters to supply these development of Pocahontas County, as this was their sole way of getting cloth-The loom and Spinning wheel era played a very important part in the ed very dearly by the people of this county , not only are they keepsakes of by the wives of our forefathers that blazed the way more abundant IXI life. cz by hand

County today some few people using the spinning wheel and occasionally We might have looms in operation today but factory weaving is much loom in operation, but the latter used in making carpet more than anything today by the wheel and the loom, nevertheless we have here in faster, production larger as it would be almost impossible to supply the Information --- Mrs Mary Turner & Maggie Ruckman Willpoint.W. Ta Mrs.A. M. Lowellla Georgie Loudermilk Buckeye. W. Va. Carey Davis Marlinton.W.Va. needs of

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